HAER No. NV-9

West Verdi Bridge State Route 425 Spanning Truckee River Verdi Washoe County Nevada

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Location:

B-380, State Route 425 spanning the Truckee River

0.45 miles east of the west junction of I-80 and SR-425

Verdi, Washoe County, Nevada

U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute Verdi. Nevada, quadrangle,

Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates:

11.242600.4378200

Date of Construction: B-380, 1939

Engineer:

George Egan, Nevada Highway Department

Builder:

Isbell Construction Company, Reno, Nevada Nevada Rock and Sand Co. Inc., Reno, Nevada

Present Owner:

Nevada Department of Transportation

1263 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89712

Present Use:

Vehicular Bridge

Significance:

The West Verdi River Bridge is one of only two examples of single span concrete arch-thru bridges in Nevada. This type of structure has been rarely used in this state. Given the complexity of design and construction several other types of structures were in wide use that would have spanned the Truckee in a more cost effective fashion. The open arch design is aesthetically pleasing and integrates well with the environment. The concrete balustrade is a blend of art deco and classical design elements. This bridge was a vital crossing point along old US-40, the first transcontinental

highway.

Note: For further information please see HAER NO. NV-8

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